

are supplied with strong, active men, and encouraging news comes from many quarters. Twelve men are steadily at work, and others are doing special work from time to time.

#### LOUISIANA.

**Ruston:** The people of Ruston of all denominations have greatly enjoyed a visit from Rev. Motte Martin, of the Congo Mission in Africa.

**Salaville:** The children of the Salaville Sunday school had a very happy time at their Christmas tree on Christmas night. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn, then prayer and reading of the Scriptures. Then a little talk on the purpose of the Sabbath school, after which the children recited their pieces, sang their Christmas song, and went through a well prepared programme to the great delight of the large audience which so crowded the church that there was scarcely standing room. The tree was very pretty, and each scholar received a box of candy and a suitable present. Some were given rewards for good attendance.

**Winfield:** The new church organization at this place has made some progress since the present supply, Rev. William A. Rolle, assumed charge of the work on the first of December. On last preaching day six new members were received into the church and several more will unite on next Sabbath. The Sabbath school has increased in numbers and interest, and while this youngest organization in Red River Presbytery has a difficult "road" ahead of it, the members feel confident that it will some day be a great influence for good in this rapidly growing little city. A congregational meeting will soon be held for the purpose of giving the church a name, and to elect a building committee to take charge of the matter of building a modern up-to-date house of worship and also a manse if the way be clear.

**New Orleans:** Arrangements are being made for taking a religious census of the city, with special view to the Sunday school work for the children. Then census will be taken on Saturday, January 23. Rev. Geo. D. Booth, of Monroe, will supply the pulpit of the First church on next Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Booth will be in New Orleans to attend the meeting of the Synod's Committee of Home Missions. The annual union communion service was held on Sunday afternoon, in the First church, Rev. Chas. S. Sholl, the new pastor of the Canal Street church, making the address and ruling elders from all the churches taking part in the distribution of the elements. On the evening of Friday, January 8, Miss Sophie B. Wright will give her fine stereopticon lecture on "Ben Hur," in the lecture-room of the Napoleon Avenue church. All who have heard this lecture have been delighted and the Napoleon Avenue people will be glad to see a very large attendance. The third annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Union will be held at the Carrollton Presbyterian church, corner of Burdette and Hampson, on Friday, January 8, 1909. First session begins at 10:30 a. m., and lasts until 12:30. This is the business session and all delegates are urged to be present. Afternoon session begins at 2 o'clock. At this time Rev. Charles S. Shott, of the Canal Street church, will address us on Home Missions and Rev. B. L. Price, of Alexan-

dria, will tell of his work in Louisiana. Reports will be heard from all the departments of the Home Mission work of the Union, including the Italian work, French work and the beautiful work done at the Charity Hospital. There will be a report telling of the Chinese work done in our midst, and a Syrian lady will tell of the work she is doing among her countrymen. Luncheon will be served at 12:30, thus making it convenient for those that come from a distance to remain all day and giving every one an opportunity to spend a social hour together. All friends interested in Home Missions will be welcomed at both sessions.

R. McMillan, Secretary.

#### MISSISSIPPI.

**Rev. W. D. Spurlin** has accepted the call extended to him by the Laurel church.

**Meridian Presbytery:** At a called meeting of Meridian Presbytery, held in the First Presbyterian church, Hattiesburg, Miss., December 21, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Hervey McDowell and the Biloxi church was dissolved.

A. B. Coit, S. C.

**Chamberlain-Hunt Academy** issues a most attractive New Year's greeting in the form of a very beautiful and attractive memorandum book, for which we express hearty thanks.

**Meridian Presbytery:** At a called meeting of Meridian Presbytery held in the First church, Hattiesburg, December 25, 1908, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Hervey McDowell and the Boloxi church was dissolved.

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**Hazlehurst:** The children had a unique Christmas entertainment. Instead of the traditional and conventional Christmas-tree, they had "The Star of Bethlehem," a veritable star twelve feet in diameter, beautifully decorated and bespangled with electric lights. The pastor made a brief address, the children marched, recited and rendered some beautiful music after which presents were distributed to superintendent, organist, children and others. Then an informal reception with light refreshments at the manse closed one of the most delightful celebrations this Sunday school ever enjoyed. During the coming year special attention will be called to the beauty of memorizing the most popular hymns of our book. Each pupil will be encouraged to memorize one each month, as a minimum, and a prize will be given to the one reciting the largest number. The manse was brightened by an unusual large number of gifts to Pastor, "Mistress of the Manse," and the quartette of "olive plants round about the table." These gifts embraced a variety of things—dainties and substantial to be eaten, toys to amuse, good books to be read, magazines to make monthly visits in 1909, sweet oranges from Florida, slippers for tired feet, "post cards" from the four corners of the Republic, brass candle-sticks purchased in San Francisco, and gold dug from California and minted in Philadelphia. It was a whole week of good cheer.

#### MISSOURI.

**Dr. Elwang,** the pastor of the Columbia church, had the pleasure of welcoming five new members into the church just before he started on a short trip south.

**Rev. H. H. Patrick** has been dismissed

by Palmyra Presbytery to the Presbytery of Arkansas, to take charge of the church at Wytheville, Arkansas.

**Rev. S. F. Shiffer** has been installed as pastor of the Sweet Springs church by a commission consisting of Rev. J. J. Squire and Rev. Eugene Abbott. As a result of a meeting held by Mr. Abbott eight new members were received into the church, three from the Sunday school, and the remainder, adults.

**St. Louis:** Gipsy Smith's Coming. This evangelist who has been so largely used of God for the salvation of men, is to be in St. Louis, for a meeting beginning January 24. The churches of the city are engaged in preparatory services looking forward to his coming. He will lead a campaign in Kansas City in the latter part of February, and here too, very thorough preparations are being made to attain the best results.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

**Rev. Geo. F. Robertson's** address is changed from R. F. D., Charlotte, to 720 E. Fourth street, Charlotte, N. C.

**Cameron:** Dr. Black's meeting here resulted in sixty-one professions of faith and twenty-six additions to the Presbyterian church.

**Mr. Robert Grant,** a senior at Columbia Seminary, preaches at the Mount Holly church twice a month, this arrangement to continue till next May. This church has purchased a nice lot for a manse.

**Monroe:** Mecklenburg Presbytery last week dissolved the pastoral relation between this church and Rev. G. H. Atkinson, and made provisions for Mr. Atkinson's installation as pastor of the Albarle and Norwood churches.

**Steele Creek:** The resignation of the pastor of Steele Creek by Rev. Geo. F. Robertson has been consented to by Mecklenburg Presbytery, which also consents to Mr. Robertson's laboring at his convenience outside of its bounds as an evangelist.

**Rev. M. McG. Shields** began his work as Superintendent of Home Missions in North Carolina last week. In consenting to his resignation the Park Avenue church, Norfolk, Va., passed very handsome resolutions, testifying to his ability, energy, and devotion to duty, and agreeing to his going only because he felt it to be his duty to undertake the larger work.

**Rev. E. B. Carr** conducted two services at New Hope on last Sabbath. Congregations were fairly good, and attention very good. We made up a good offering for Barium Springs. Have just received a check for \$100 with which we hope to get our Phoenix church completely ceiled. Only money for painting and varnishing is now needed for its completion. Our stove has come, our bell is this month. The people of Immanuel this month. The people of Immanuel Church have just finished painting and varnishing the interior of their church and have added much to its appearance.

**First Presbyterian Church, Asheville:** During the year 1908 there were ninety-seven additions to this church. Sixty-two by letter and thirty-five on profession of faith, twenty-eight of the latter coming from the Sunday school. No month of the year passed without at least one addition, except July, when the

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